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SUBJECT: CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN EASTERN ZAIRE

1. ACCORDING TO DR. CHARLES SCHYNS, DIRECTOR OF THE CHOLERA CONTROL EFFORT IN KIVU, FROM JUNE 25 THROUGH JULY 31 THERE WERE 250 CHOLERA CASES AND 19 DEATHS IN BUKAVU AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES. HOWEVER ALL CASES TREATED IN BUKAVU APPEAR TO HAVE COME FROM NEARBY VILLAGES. THE SURPRISING ABSENCE OF CHOLERA AMONG PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN THE BUKAVU CITY LIMITS IS CREDITED TO THE PRESENCE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM. THE LOW DEATH RATE IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE NETWORK OF SMALL CLINICS, DIRECTED OR SUPERVISED BY EUROPEAN NURSES, WHICH HAVE TREATED MOST CHOLERA CASES HERE.

2. THE DISEASE IS NOW STABLE IN UVIRA AND THE RUZIZI VALLEY, EXCEPT FOR KAMANYOLA, BORDERING ON RWANDA AND BURUNDI, WHERE 46 CASES AND 8 DEATHS WERE REGISTERED
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DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY.

3. CHOLERA CONTINUES TO SPREAD NORTH OF BUKAVU. AS OF JULY 31, 160 CASES AND 23 DEATHS HAD BEEN RECORDED NORTH OF THE BUKAVU AREA, INCLUDING 40 CASES AND 6 DEATHS ON IDJWI ISLAND IN LAKE KIVU. THE DISEASE HAS SPREAD TO NEAR KALEHE, ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS NORTH OF BUKAVU. AS

IT SPREADS FARTHER FROM BUKAVU IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT
TO TREAT AND CONTROL.
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